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REVISED CODE OF LAWS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

PREAMBLE.

The Degree of Patriarchs Militant shall be based upon the principles of universal justice, and the doctrine of rights shall be advocated by all peaceful methods—*Pax aut Bellum, Justitia Universalis.*—The charge to candidates, prior to enrollment, must embrace the above idea, enlarged and beautified.

SECTION 1. This organization shall be known and styled throughout the world as the "Patriarchs Militant," and shall hereafter be governed by the following laws, rules and regulations:

ORGANIZATION.

SEC. 2. The unit of the organization of the Degree shall be the "Canton," which shall consist of, at least, fifteen members, who shall be designated "Chevaliers."

SEC. 3. The organization of the forces constituting this branch of the Order shall be by States, Territories, Provinces, etc., and all such forces and Cantons now or hereafter organized, shall be under the immediate supervision and control of the Department Council of the Jurisdiction where located or organized, subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and also subject to the orders and commands of the Grand Sire, who is, *ex officio*, Commander-in-Chief of the Patriarchs Militant throughout the world.

SEC. 4. The Cantons in each Jurisdiction shall be organized into Battalions, Regiments, Brigades and Divisions. And each Jurisdiction, so organized, shall constitute a Department, separate and distinct from all other Departments, and subject only to the laws and authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

SEC. 5. A Battalion shall consist of not less than three, nor more than five, Cantons; a Regiment shall consist of three to five Battalions, aggregating not less than ten Cantons; a Brigade shall consist of three to five Regiments; a Division of three or more Brigades. Provided, however, any Jurisdiction having only two Regiments, may organize a Brigade.

GOVERNMENT.

SEC. 6. The Grand Sire of the I. O. O. F. shall be, *ex officio*, Commander-in-Chief of the Patriarchs Militant, and the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be Adjutant-General.

SEC. 7. The elective commissioned officers in each Jurisdiction shall be as follows: A Department Commander, the senior officer; a Major-General commanding a Division; a Brigadier commanding a Brigade; a Colonel commanding a Regiment; a Lieutenant-Colonel, second in command of a Regiment; a Major commanding a Battalion; a Captain commanding a Canton; a Lieutenant, second in command of a Canton; an Ensign, third in command of a Canton; a sub-officer, to be Clerk of a Canton; a sub-officer, to be Accountant of a Canton. Provided, only such officers shall be elected as may be necessary to command the organized forces of each Department.

SEC. 8. When a Department consists of a single organized Body of Patriarchs Militant, as, a Canton, a Battalion, a Regiment, or a Brigade, the commanding officer thereof shall be also Department Commander. But where there are two or more Bodies whose Commanders are of equal rank, a Department

Commander shall be elected, whose rank shall be one grade higher than that of any other officer commanding in the Department, but no Department Commander will be required by this section to vacate his office until his Commission shall have expired.

SEC. 9. The Staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the Patriarchs Militant shall comprise the following: A Chief of Staff; an Adjutant-General; an Inspector-General; a Quartermaster-General; a Commissary-General; a Surgeon-General; a Chief of Equipment; a Chaplain-General, each with the rank of Brigadier-General; a Banneret and four Aids-de-Camp, each with the rank of Colonel. He may appoint an Aid-de-Camp in each Jurisdiction, with rank commensurate with the strength of the Jurisdiction, but not above that of Lieutenant-Colonel.

SEC. 10. The Staff of a Major-General commanding a Division, or a Department, shall comprise: A Chief of Staff, a Colonel; an Assistant Adjutant-General with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; an Assistant Inspector-General with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; an Assistant Quartermaster-General with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; an Assistant Commissary-General with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; an Assistant Surgeon-General with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; a Division Chaplain with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; a Banneret with rank of Major; three Aids-de-Camp, each with rank of Major.

SEC. 11. The Staff of a Brigadier commanding a Brigade, or a Department, shall comprise: A Chief of Staff, a Lieutenant-Colonel; an Assistant Inspector-General with rank of Major; an Assistant Adjutant-General with rank of Major; an Assistant Quartermaster-General with rank of Major; an Assistant Commissary-General with rank of Major; an Assistant Surgeon-General with rank of Major; a Brigade Chaplain with rank of Major; a Banneret with rank of Captain; two Aids-de-Camp, each with rank of Captain.

SEC. 12. The Staff of a Colonel commanding a Regiment shall comprise: An Adjutant with rank of Captain; a Quartermaster with rank of Captain; a Commissary with rank of Captain; a Surgeon with rank of Major; an Assistant Surgeon with rank of Captain; a Chaplain with rank of Captain; a Banneret with rank of Lieutenant; also the following non-commissioned: A Sergeant-Major; a Quartermaster-Sergeant; a Commissary-Sergeant; a Color-Sergeant; a Hospital-Sergeant; a Trumpeter.

SEC. 13. The Staff of a Major commanding a Regimental Battalion shall comprise: An Adjutant with rank of Lieutenant. Non-commissioned: A Quartermaster-Sergeant, who shall act as Sergeant-Major on occasions of Battalion parade. When the Regiment turns out, Battalion Staffs report to the Colonel.

SEC. 14. The Staff of a Major commanding a separate Battalion, or a Department, shall comprise: An Adjutant with rank of Lieutenant; a Quartermaster with rank of Lieutenant; A Commissary with rank of Lieutenant; an Assistant Surgeon with rank of Captain; a Chaplain with rank of Lieutenant. Non-commissioned: An Acting Quartermaster-Sergeant; an Acting Commissary-Sergeant; an Acting Color-Sergeant; an Acting Equipment-Sergeant; an Acting Hospital-Sergeant.

SEC. 15. All officers elected or appointed in a Department, shall hold active membership in a Canton forming part of the command; unless a Dispensation has been granted by the Commander-in-Chief.

SEC. 16. Each Department being separate and distinct from every other Department, no officer in one Department shall have any authority or command in any other Department, or of any of the troops therein, except such as may be given by order of the Commander-in-Chief in case of general parades of Patriarchs Militant.

SEC. 17. The Commanders of the various Organizations of Patriarchs Militant, from the Commandant of

a Canton to Department Commander, inclusive, will see that sufficient and proper records are kept of the various matters passing through their hands; and the Department Commanders are especially charged with the duty of seeing that the Assistant Adjutants-General of the Departments respectively, shall keep a sufficient and proper record of all transactions, military and otherwise, within the Department.

Membership.

Sec. 18. The Degree of Patriarchs Militant shall be open to Patriarchs of the Royal Purple Degree everywhere. The condition necessary for receiving or retaining membership is, good standing in a regular Encampment of the Order.

Sec. 19. An applicant for enrollment in a Canton shall furnish a certificate of good standing in his Encampment, and make application on the prescribed form, which application shall be referred to a committee, and on the report of the committee at the regular meeting following, he shall be balloted for, and if not less than three-fourths of the members present vote favorable, he shall be enrolled; provided, that in cases of emergency a candidate may, by Dispensation from the Department Council or Department Commander, be proposed, reported on by the committee, and receive the Degree at the same meeting.

Sec. 20. A Chevalier may be either an active or an honorary member of a Canton, and may, on application, be transferred from one class to another; but under no circumstances can he be a member of more than one Canton at the same time. Honorary members may serve on committees, and have the privileges of debate, but shall not be allowed to vote. They are not required to parade in public, and need not uniform. They must pay the same fees as active members, unless relieved by a three-fourths vote of the members.

SEC. 21. No Chevalier, either active or honorary, who has been suspended by his Canton for non-payment of dues, or who is in arrears to his Canton for dues, shall be admitted to membership in any other Canton of Patriarchs Militant, either by application to, or as a Charter member of a Canton, until he shall first have received an Honorable Discharge from the Canton of which he is a member. When an Encampment surrenders its Charter, a member thereof who is a Chevalier of a Canton in good standing, and who desires to retain his membership therein, must forthwith obtain a Card from the officers of the Grand Encampment of the Jurisdiction wherein the defunct Encampment was located, and deposit the same in, and become a member of an Encampment, within one year from the date of the said Card so obtained.

SEC. 22. A uniform system for admission to membership shall be adopted in each Department, but an applicant for membership in a Canton, rejected by a legal vote thereof, shall not be permitted to apply to the same, or another Canton, for membership therein, until the expiration of thirty days after such rejection.

SEC. 23. A Chevalier may be admitted to membership in any Canton, on presenting a Certificate of Honorable Discharge from the Canton of which he was last a member.

SEC. 24. The Department Commanders shall issue to Chevaliers, in good standing, of defunct Cantons, Certificates of Honorable Discharge, upon application therefor and the payment of a fee of one dollar, which, together with certified evidence of good standing in a Subordinate Encampment, may be deposited with other Cantons, and by means thereof membership obtained.

SEC. 25. The Scribe, or Recording Scribe of each Subordinate Encampment shall keep a roll book, known as the "Roster of Canton Patriarchs," and he shall record therein the names of all Patriarchs of such Encampment, who have received the honors of

the Militant Degree; and he shall also record therein the termination of any Patriarch's membership in said Degree, upon receipt of information to that effect from the Clerk of the Canton, over its Seal; and it shall also be the duty of such Scribe, or Recording Scribe, to notify the Canton of which a member of the Encampment is a member, upon the termination of his membership in the Encampment, over the Seal of the same.

SEC. 26. Chevaliers in uniform, including members of bands, must refrain from frequenting bar-rooms and places where intoxicating drinks are sold, and from any and all improper places, under such penalty as may be prescribed for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow and a Chevalier.

SEC. 27. When a Chevalier, as such, visits a Subordinate, he must be clothed in full uniform, either the full dress or the undress, but he cannot occupy any chair, or do the work of any officer in a Subordinate Lodge while dressed in P. M. uniform.

SEC. 28. A Chevalier can visit a Canton in any Department on communicating the Countersign, by order of the Commandant; but in his own Department he must communicate also the Department Check.

SEC. 29. A Chevalier visiting a Canton without the Department wherein is located the Canton in which he holds membership, and consequently not able to communicate the Department Check, may be admitted, on the order of the Commandant, on satisfactory evidence of his membership; and the Commandant, for that purpose, may require his Encampment Card to be exhibited as evidence of his standing in a live Encampment, I. O. O. F.

CANTONS.

SEC. 30. Warrants for Cantons shall be granted by the Department Council, or in a Department where there is no Council, by the Commander-in-Chief, on

recommendation of the Department Commander. All such Warrants shall be on the form provided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. All applicants for Warrants to establish Cantons, shall provide themselves with regulation uniform, and shall appear dressed in the same on the mustering in of the Canton.

SEC. 31. The fee for a Warrant issued by the Commander-in-Chief shall be $20; and the Canton so warranted shall receive, without extra charge, three Rituals, a Proclamation for Degree work, and one copy of each of the four blank books following, viz: Chevalier's Roster, Money Order Book, Accountant's Receipt Book, Roll Call.

SEC. 32. The Chief Patriarchs and Scribes, over the Seals of Encampments, are required to endorse the applications of petitioners for Warrants to establish Cantons, certifying as to the good standing of applicants in the Encampments of which they are Chief Patriarchs and Scribes, respectively.

SEC. 33. All applications for Warrants for Cantons and acceptances of positions, elective or appointive, shall be of no force or effect whatever, unless accompanied by the stipulated costs or fees for the documents to be issued; and where moneys are forwarded, in advance for Warrants for the Cantons, they shall be entered, and the next consecutive numbers shall be reserved for the Cantons to be formed by the applicants so giving notice and forwarding moneys.

SEC. 34. Not less than fifteen Patriarchs of the Royal Purple Degree shall be required to make application for a Warrant for a Canton; and the original applicants for a Warrant for a Canton, shall have the right to select by ballot additional Royal Purple Degree Patriarchs to be taken as Warrant or Charter members.

SEC. 35. All Cantons in a Department shall be numbered in consecutive order, according to date of organization.

SEC. 36. Cantons may select suitable names as a particular designation, at option, except that the names of living persons shall not be used; and where such special titles are used, they shall follow the word "Canton."

SEC. 37. A Canton cannot change its name at will; it must forward a petition to the Department Council, setting forth such desire, and giving the reasons why the name of the Body should be so changed; and the Department Council may grant or refuse the petition.

SEC. 38. After a Canton has been duly mustered into the service, the mustering officers shall hold an election for the elective officers of the Canton, which election shall be conducted in the same manner as prescribed for the annual election of Canton officers, and the result shall be immediately canvassed and declared by the mustering officer. If the Canton is mustered in during the last half of the Canton P. M. year, i. e., between October 26th and April 26th, the first officers shall continue in office during the remainder of that year, and the year following, without further election.

SEC. 39. Cantons shall hold regular monthly meetings or Cantonments, and may hold such other meetings as their By-Laws shall prescribe. A quorum for transacting business in a Canton is five Chevaliers, and no business can be transacted unless there be five members present.

SEC. 40. A uniform Code of By-Laws may be prepared for each Department by the Department Council, but each Canton may adopt such By-Laws as may seem proper; *provided*, the same do not conflict with this Code or the laws and regulations of the Order; such By-Laws shall not take effect until approved by the Department Council, or, during its recess, by the Department Commander.

SEC. 41. A Canton shall have and use a Seal, which shall be approved by the Commander of the Department in which such Canton is situate, to which officer

impressions of such Seals shall be forwarded for approval, before the same shall be used.

SEC. 42. At the annual installation of officers, each Canton shall make returns upon blanks, to be prepared and sent to it by the Department Council, of the names of officers installed, and of its retired officers holding retired Commissions, with the rank and grade of each; also the number of Chevaliers, active and honorary, and of the number admitted, suspended, expelled, discharged or deceased during the year; also of its receipts and expenditures during the year; and of its assets. Cantons directly under the Sovereign Grand Lodge will report to the Department Commander and to the Adjutant-General; in other Departments, to the Department Commander.

SEC. 43. At the regular annual installation and muster of the Cantons, the Countersign shall be promulgated to Chevaliers. Should a Canton, from any cause, fail to muster on the day named, then its officers are charged to proceed with the installation, muster and inspection of the Canton as early as practicable thereafter. At which time the Countersign shall be promulgated.

SEC. 44. If a Canton does not meet within the period of a year, the Warrant may be reclaimed by the Department Council. After the arrest of the Warrant of a Canton, the Body becomes defunct, and its former members cannot exercise functions as organized Chevaliers.

SEC. 45. A Canton cannot surrender its Warrant, muster itself out of the service or dispose of its property at will; it must first make application to the Department Council, or, during its recess, to the Department Commander, requesting to be mustered out of the service, setting forth the reasons therefor; and should it be determined to so muster out the Body, all its property reverts to the Patriarchs Militant of the Department.

SEC. 46. A Canton desiring to surrender its Warrant and be mustered out of the service, shall turn over to the officer reclaiming the Warrant, all of its effects, such as regalia, uniforms (if owned by the Canton), banners, flags, Rituals, Degree paraphernalia, furniture, moneys and securities, which shall be conveyed to the Council of the Department in which the Canton is located, and be held by that Body in trust for the use of the Patriarchs Militant therein.

SEC. 47. A majority vote shall determine all questions in every grade Organization, and the presiding officer, if of the command, shall vote as a member of the Body.

SEC. 48. Cantons shall, in no instance, provide for sick or funeral benefits to their members.

GRAND CANTONS.

SEC. 49. From and after the adoption of this Code of Laws by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, no Grand Cantons shall be instituted; but any Grand Canton now in existence, may continue to work under its present Charter, and shall be governed by the laws hitherto in force respecting such Bodies, so far as may be consistent with this Code.

SEC. 50. Any Grand Canton may, by majority vote, surrender its Charter, and shall be entitled to receive a new Charter as a single Canton, without charge, retaining all its old members; or each component thereof may receive a Charter as a separate Canton, if it has sufficient membership.

TURM OF HORSE.

SEC. 51. All Organizations under this designation may continue to exist, and shall be governed by the laws now in force respecting such Bodies, but no further Organizations of this character shall be allowed unless by permission of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Countersign.

Sec. 52. The Countersign, necessary for gaining entrance into a Canton, shall be universal; it shall be selected annually by the Grand Sire and be communicated by him to the Commanders of each Department, who shall cause its promulgation throughout the rank and file of the Patriarchs Militant. This annual word shall be given at the outer door; and the Commandant may refuse to communicate the Countersign to a Chevalier who is one year in arrears for dues.

Sec. 53. A Chevalier shall be entitled to receive the Countersign from the Commandant of any Canton, on presentation of a request therefor from the Commandant of his own Canton, which request must be attested by the Clerk over the Seal of the Canton.

Officers of the Patriarchs Militant.

Sec. 54. The commissioned officers of a Canton shall consist of a Captain, who shall be Commandant; a Lieutenant, and Ensign, a Clerk and an Accountant; and the non-commissioned officers, a Standard Bearer, a Guard, a Sentinel and a Picket, who shall rank in the Canton in the order named.

Sec. 55. The first five officers shall be elected annually by the members of the Canton, and the remaining four shall be appointed by the Captain, and hold office at his will for the period he serves as Commandant.

Sec. 56. All active Chevaliers, in good standing, shall be eligible to office in their respective Cantons and commands, and all officers are eligible to reelection.

Sec. 57. The officers of a Canton shall perform such duties as are enjoined in their Charges, or may be required by the general law of the P. M., or the By-Laws of the Canton. The Guard, Sentinel and Picket do not require Warrants.

Sec. 58. The elective officers of a Canton shall be

chosen at the last regular meeting prior to April 26th in each year, having been nominated at the regular meeting preceding that appointed for election. The appointed officers shall be appointed by the Captain, on the night of his installation.

SEC. 59. Each Chevalier shall have the right to vote for all the military officers of any Organization of the Patriarchs Militant of which he is a member.

SEC. 60. In Departments, nomination for Field Officers shall take place at the regular meeting for the nomination of Canton officers; and report of such nomination sent, at once, by the Clerk to the Department Commander, who shall give notice of the same to the nominees and to the Cantons.

SEC. 61. On the regular meeting for the election of officers, the Chevaliers of the Canton shall vote for Field Officers, and the Clerk shall, at once, forward to the Department Commander, in a sealed envelope marked "Election Returns," a certified statement of the poll.

SEC. 62. The Department Commander shall wait a reasonable time for the Election Returns from the Cantons, which should not be less than one week following the 26th of April, and at the end of that period, or sooner, if the returns have been received, he shall, in the presence of such of the candidates, or their accredited agents, as may choose to attend, canvass the returns and delare elected such of the candidates as may have received the majority of the votes for the several offices. Where no candidate has received the majority, the Department Commander may declare the one receiving the largest vote elected, or may order a new election, as in the case of a vacancy.

SEC. 63. The Department Commander, as soon as the returns are canvassed, shall notify each officer elected, and request an acceptance or declination. An officer accepting must transmit therewith the fee for his Commission.

SEC. 64. In case any officer elected shall refuse to accept, or neglect to qualify, or in case a vacancy shall occur at any time, the Department Commander may fill the vacancy by appointment, or may order and conduct another election.

SEC. 65. Suitable blanks for use in Departments, having no Council, shall be prepared and forwarded to the Department Commander by the Adjutant-General, on or before the 1st day of March in each year.

SEC. 66. All officers entitled to Staffs shall appoint the same from their commands, except as otherwise provided; and a list of such appointments shall be forwarded to the Department Commander of the Jurisdiction.

SEC. 67. Canton officers shall be elected for one year; officers of Regiments for two years; officers of Brigades and Divisions for three years. All officers so elected, shall qualify and assume their respective positions at the beginning of the fiscal year, and shall hold office until their successors are elected and installed, or commissioned. When an officer is commissioned during the year, his term shall be held to commence with the 26th of April nearest in point of time to the date of his Commission.

INSTALLATION AND MUSTER.

SEC. 68. The Department Commander shall install and muster, or designate some officer to install and muster, the officers of each Canton in his Jurisdiction. The mustering officer shall report each muster to the officer appointing him.

SEC. 69. The installation and muster of the officers of a Canton in public is admissible, where the Canton is properly uniformed and can make a creditable display; provided a Dispensation has been received from the Department Commander. But such Dispensation must require that the installation ceremonies shall be without the use of book in public.

SEC. 70. In no instance, shall an officer muster the officers-elect of Cantons, until the Commissions and non-commissioned Warrants are received, except under special instruction from the Department Commander.

SEC. 71. Where an officer handles money belonging to the Organization, a bond of suitable amount and nature shall be demanded for the faithful discharge of the fiduciary trust; and it shall be the duty of the Commandant of the Canton, to see that this is done, before such officer enters upon the duties of his office. All bonds, so given, shall be subject to the approval of the Commandant of the Canton.

SEC. 72. A Canton may employ a drill master who is neither a Chevalier nor a member of the Order, but, in such case, his instructions must be given at informal meetings, called for drill purposes only. A drill master, so employed, must instruct from the Patriarchs Militant Tactics, without reference to any other books.

COMMISSIONS.

SEC. 73. All Commissions of officers in a Department having a Department Council (except for the Department Commander), shall be issued by the Department Commander of the Department, attested by the Assistant Adjutant-General ; but they shall be on the form provided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and shall bear the signature of the Adjutant-General. The Commission of a Department Commander shall be issued by the Commander-in-Chief, attested by the Adjutant-General.

SEC. 74. No officer shall hold two Commissions, unless one be a Staff appointment; except under Dispensation from the Commander-in-Chief; and a Field Officer must be an active member of a Canton in his command.

SEC. 75. Upon the receipt of the official returns, reporting the names of officers-elect, with acceptance of

such officers-elect appended, and fees for Commissions inclosed, the Commissions will issue and be forwarded direct, or to the commanding officers of the various Bodies.

SEC. 76. Upon the reception of their Commissions, officers assigned to command Battalions and Regiments, Brigades and Divisions will assume command thereof, appoint their Staffs respectively, and forward the names and acceptances of the Chevaliers comprising the same, together with fees for Commissions, to the Department Commander.

SEC. 77. Under the Code of 1893, all officers retired by Section 61 of that Code, shall be placed on the list of retired officers. It shall not be necessary for such officers to obtain a retired Commission, but the Commissions held by them at the time of retiring, shall be considered, under and by virtue of that act, as retired Commissions with the retired rank designated by the Commission.

SEC. 78. Nothing herein shall prevent any retired officer from accepting any position in the active service to which he may be duly elected or appointed; but if he should accept an active Commission of lower rank than that which he previously held, he shall continue to be addressed by the title of the higher rank in which he has served, and may wear the Chevron of such higher rank on his sleeve.

SEC. 79. Commissions for retired officers hold for life, conditioned upon continued membership in a Canton.

SEC. 80. Any officer above the grade of Captain, upon the surrender of his position, by resignation or otherwise, having an honorable record, may obtain a retired Commission and thereafter wear upon his sleeves the Chevron of such past office, and have his name appear in the roster of retired officers. The endorsement, by the Department Commander, on his Commission of the surrender of his position, shall be sufficient to constitute such retired Commission.

SEC. 81. No officer below the grade of Captain is allowed to obtain a retired Commission. A Past Captain of the Line or Staff, and an officer upward in rank, can obtain a retired Commission on payment of a fee of $1, and then wear the Chevron of past officer on the sleeves of the coat; but without the retired Commission, he cannot wear the said chevron. A subaltern Lieutenant or Ensign of the Line or Staff cannot obtain a retired Commission, and, unless promoted, must either be kept in the same position or be returned to the ranks of the Canton.

SEC. 82. Retired officers above the rank of Lieutenant, being in uniform, when with Cantons, may form on the right of the Canton at the option of the Commandant, but have no other distinction on parade. If sufficient in numbers, they form the Right Platoon.

SEC. 83. In Battalion formation the Colonel may, at his option, form a Canton of such retired officers, as the right Canton of the first Battalion, and assign competent officers to its command, keeping in view, as far as practicable, the rank and competency of the officers so assigned.

SEC. 84. The fees for Commissions issued by a Department Council shall be fixed by the Department Council, into whose treasury they shall be paid.

SEC. 85. In Departments having no Council, all Commissions shall be issued by the Commander-in-Chief, and the full fees therefor shall be paid to the Adjutant General before they are issued, as follows :

Non-commissioned Warrant (Canton or Staff)	$ 50
Ensign's, Clerk's and Accountant's Commission	50
Lieutenant's Commission	1 00
Captain's Commission	1 50
Major's Commission	2 00
Lieutenant-Colonel's Commission	3 00
Colonel's Commission	4 00
Brigadier's Commission	5 00
Major-General's Commission	6 00
Regimental Staff Officer's Commission	2 00
Brigade Staff Officer's Commission	3 00
Division Staff Officer's Commission	4 00
Aids on Staff of Commander-in-Chief's Commission	7 00

SEC. 86. The Commanders of the several Departments having Department Councils shall, whenever necessary, make requisition on the Adjutant-General for the Commissions required in their Departments, which shall be issued to them in blank, but bearing the signature of the Adjutant General; provided, that no Commissions shall be sent to any Department Commander unless all fees, dues or costs owing the Sovereign Grand Lodge have been paid.

PARADES.

SEC. 87. A Canton or other Organization of the Patriarchs Militant may be allowed to parade at any point within the bounds of the Department in which it is located, under Dispensation from the Department Commander. But before it can parade outside of its Department, it must obtain a Dispensation from the Commander-in-Chief.

SEC. 88. An officer, prior to ordering a Cantonment, or making application to parade his command, shall first obtain the approval and consent of his immediate Commander; such, however, not to apply to local parades of Cantons and Battalions.

SEC. 89. Cantons shall not turn out in public for purely display purposes, with less than fifteen Chevaliers, rank and file, except, at funerals, or by order of the Department Commander.

SEC. 90. A Canton cannot turn out as such, and attend the funeral of a member of the Order, who was not a Chevalier and member of its Body, except by Dispensation from the Department Commander of the Patriarchs Militant; and, acting under such Dispensation, the Canton can only take part in the funeral parade as escort to the I. O. O. F. civic procession. In no instance should it perform the Militant funeral and burial rites over the remains of a Brother who was not a Chevalier. When a Canton so parades, at the request of a Lodge or an Encampment, it, as the military escort,

takes the right of line, but, through its Commandant, will be under the direction of the civic marshal of the procession.

SEC. 91. The 26th of April of each year, or the Saturday preceding, or Monday succeeding, when the said date falls on Sunday, shall be a day of annual parade in celebration of the Anniversary of American Odd Fellowship. No Dispensation shall be necessary for parades on this day.

SEC. 92. General parades of the Patriarchs Militant shall be ordered by the Commander-in-Chief at his discretion, and shall be formed as prescribed in the Patriarchs Militant Tactics and the Rules laid down by the Commander-in-Chief.

SEC. 93. In the general parades of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, embracing Organizations of the Patriarchs Militant, Encampments, Rebekah Lodges and Subordinate Lodges, the formation of the procession shall be as ordered by the Grand Sire, subject to the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge relating to parades and processions.

SEC. 94. In all general parades of the Order, where the Patriarchs Militant take part, that Body shall form on the right of the line, and the officer in command shall report to the Chief Marshal, as escort to the civic procession, except where otherwise ordered by the Grand Sire.

SEC. 95. Cantons shall take rank in Battalion line, according to the age of organization; Battalions in Regimental line, according to date of separate formation; Regiments in Brigades, according to the dates of the Colonels' Commissions; Brigades in line of Division formation, by the assignment of the Division Commander. Battalions form in Regimental organization as follows: The first Battalion on the right of the line, the second Battalion next to the first, and third Battalion next to the second; and where there is a fourth Battalion, temporarily assigned to the Regiment, it will form next to third at left of line.

Department Commander.

Sec. 96. In each Jurisdiction, the Department Commander shall be the representative of the Commander-in-Chief in such Department. All orders or instructions of the Commander-in-Chief, relating to a Department, shall be issued through the Department Commander thereof.

Sec. 97. Each Department Commander shall have the power to regulate the assignment of colors and music for the various Organizations under his control, as he may deem proper. He may also make all necessary orders and regulations for the formation and parade of troops, and matters pertaining thereto, where not otherwise provided for. He shall exercise such other powers, consistent with the general law, as are delegated to him by the Department Council, or the Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 98. When a Department Commander is charged in his Canton with any offense, which constitutes conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and is found guilty, he shall at once vacate his office, which shall be assumed *pro tem.* by the officer next in rank. A full report of the proceedings shall be immediately forwarded by the Clerk of the Canton convicting, to the Commander-in-Chief, who may, on a review of the case, confirm the decision, or order a new trial, or reverse the proceedings and reinstate the Commander in his office.

Sec. 99. Charges against a Department Commander for gross neglect of duty, or misconduct in his official capacity, may be preferred by a Department Council, or by any Canton in his Department, to the Commander-in-Chief, who may investigate the same, dismiss the charges, or refer them, for investigation and report, to a special commission of disinterested officers. Should the Department Commander be found guilty, the Commander-in-Chief may require the action complained of to be corrected; and may also remove the

Commander from his position and order a new election, subject to appeal to the S. G. L. If the deposed officer appeals to the S. G. L., an election shall not be held until after the decision of that Body is rendered; and the command of the Department will devolve, during the interval, on the officer next in rank.

Department Councils.

Sec. 100. Any Department containing a sufficient number of Cantons to constitute a Battalion, may organize a Department Council; and, on being duly certified of the organization of such Council, the Commander-in-Chief shall transfer to it full control of the Patriarchs Militant in the Department, subject to the provisions of general law.

Sec. 101. The meeting for the organization of a Department Council shall be at such time and place, as may be selected by the Department Commander; but, when organized, it shall provide by By-Law for its future meetings.

Sec. 102. A Department Council shall consist of the Department Commander and all officers in command of Cantons, Battalions, Regiments, Brigades and Divisions; but the Council may provide for additional members, being representatives duly elected by the several Cantons and organized Bodies in the Department.

Sec. 103. The officers of a Department Council shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such others as it may deem necessary for the transaction of its business. The Department Commander shall be the President of the Council, and the Chevalier elected Secretary shall be, ex-officio, Assistant Adjutant-General on the Staff of the Department Commander. In the absence of the Department Commander and Vice-President, the senior ranking officer shall preside.

Sec. 104. The Department Council may make all

By-Laws, rules and regulations for its government and maintenance, and for the government of the Cantons and organized Bodies of Patriarchs Militant in the Department, subject to the provisions of the general law, and the authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and of the Commander-in-Chief during the recess of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. And it may, by resolution or By-Law, confer upon its Department Commander, during its recess, any powers vested in itself, except that of making assessments or charges upon Cantons or individuals.

SEC. 105. Department Councils may regulate the fees for Charters and Commissions in their own Jurisdiction, and may also levy such tax on Cantons as may be necessary for the maintenance of the Council.

SEC. 106. Each Department Council shall organize the Cantons under its government into Battalions, Regiments, Brigades and Divisions in accordance with the requirements of general law, and may make such assignments as may be necessary.

SEC. 107. The Assistant Adjutant-General of each Department, governed by a Department Council, shall, on or before the first day of July, in each year, forward to the Adjutant-General a report of the condition of the Patriarchs Militant in his Department, embracing therein the number of Cantons and organized Bodies, number of Chevaliers, active and honorary, number admitted, suspended, discharged, expelled or deceased during the past fiscal year; and the aggregate receipts, expenditures and assets of the Cantons; and also list of officers commissioned, for registration in Headquarters' Roster.

SEC. 108. In Departments having no Council, all authority and power belonging to such a Body is vested in the Commander-in-Chief, provided that in no case shall he levy any assessment on Cantons, or require the payment of any charges or fees other than those prescribed by the general law. In any such Department, the Commander-in-Chief may, by Gen-

eral or Special Order, transfer to the Department Commander such authority and power, not in conflict with general law, as he may consider to be in the interests of the Patriarchs Militant.

Trials.

Sec. 109. Courts martial are forbidden in the Patriarchs Militant. But every Department Council shall prepare a code of laws for the trial and punishment of all offenses peculiar to this branch of the Order, subject to the limitations of general law.

Sec. 110. All offenses against a Canton, and all matters properly cognizable thereby, shall be tried in the Canton to which the accused belongs. And no Chevalier can be expelled from membership in his Canton, without due notice and proper trial.

Sec. 111. All offenses of a military nature, and all breaches of order and military discipline, committed in any of the military Organizations above the Canton, shall be tried, on charges preferred to the Department Commander, and, in such manner, as shall be prescribed by the Trial Code.

Sec. 112. In all cases, as soon as practicable after the trial is concluded, a report of the proceedings shall be forwarded to the Department Commander for his approval. In case he approves the findings, the decision shall be final, except that an appeal shall lie, in case of conviction, to the Department Council, and from its decision to the Commander-in-Chief, or the Sovereign Grand Lodge. In case the Department Commander disapproves of the findings, he may order a new trial, or may entirely reverse the decision of the tribunal that tried the case. In case of such reversal, an appeal shall lie, as aforesaid, from his decision.

Sec. 113. Appeal shall be granted to any Chevalier from the action of his Canton, or to any Canton from the action of any officer, first to the Department Commander; from his decision to the Department Council;

from the decision of that Body to the Commander-in-Chief; and from his decision to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Equipment of Cantons.

Sec. 114. Each Canton shall, when on parade, carry the Patriarchs Militant banner. A Canton can purchase a Patriarchs Militant flag if it so desires, but the Canton name cannot be placed upon it. Banners are intended for the Cantons, and flags for Battalions, Regiments, etc. A Canton can display a Patriarchs Militant flag when it parades alone, but when the Battalion or Regiment parades, the Patriarchs Militant colors must be massed, and each Canton will display within its ranks the Patriarchs Militant banner only, bearing proper inscriptions. Cantons are allowed to purchase Patriarchs Militant colors for ritualistic purposes, and may also display them when the Canton turns out by itself, as the only escort of a mixed I. O. O. F. column.

Equipment Furnished by Chevaliers.

Sec. 115. A Chevalier, an active member of a Canton, must have a regulation uniform; an honorary member of a Canton need not uniform. An applicant for active membership shall agree to equip with fatigue uniform, belt and sword within a fortnight from the date of notification of election; and with a dress uniform within sixty days after having been mustered as a member of the Canton. All members of a Canton, Warrant members as well as others, who are in good standing, must conform to the above requirements, or be suspended until the conditions are fulfilled, and, in case they are not complied with within sixty days from notification of requirement, may be dropped from membership.

Military Outfit, Paraphernalia and Uniforms.

Sec. 116. The military outfit, paraphernalia and uniforms for Patriarchs Militant, including standards,

banners, colors, flags, escutcheons, shields, pennants, guidons, coats of arms, monograms, Decorations of Chivalry, badges, uniforms and arms, and everything appertaining thereto, shall be and remain the same as now prescribed under the existing laws, rules and regulations and orders, so far as the same shall be applicable.

Decorations of Chivalry.

Sec. 117. Each Canton shall be entitled to recommend to the Department Council one Chevalier out of every fifty members, or major fraction thereof, every year, to receive the Decoration of Chivalry; such selection to be made, at such time and in such manner, as the Cantons by By-Laws or resolutions may designate.

Sec. 118. Staff Officers may be recommended for this Decoration by the officers upon whose Staff they serve, to the Department Council, and, upon its approval indorsed upon such recommendation, shall be entitled to receive the same.

Sec. 119. The Department Commander may recommend any General, Field or Line Officer, or any member of his own Staff to receive this Decoration.

Sec. 120. Such Decoration shall not be awarded to any one, except for honorable and meritorious service in the cause of Odd Fellowship; conspicuous skill and ability exhibited in handling troops, or in the faithful and zealous performance of important service entrusted to his charge. When a Chevalier is recommended by his Canton, or superior officer, to receive the Decoration, the recommendation shall state for what service the honor is conferred.

Sec. 121. The Department Commander alone shall have the right to confer the Decoration of Chivalry upon such Chevaliers as may be approved by the Department Council; but he may delegate this authority to any commissioned officer whom he may select for that purpose, for any given occasion, which officer shall make report to the Department Commander of his proceedings in the premises.

SEC. 122. A Department Council may order the Decoration of Chivalry for a lady to be conferred on any lady, a member in good standing of a Rebekah Lodge in the Department; and such Decoration shall thereupon be conferred by the Department Commander.

SEC. 123. The Grand Decoration of Chivalry shall be conferred only by order of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, on the recommendation of a Department Council, or of the Commander-in-Chief; and such Decoration shall thereupon be conferred by the Commander-in-Chief, or such duly qualified officer as he may designate.

SEC. 124. Jewels for these Decorations shall be procured from the Sovereign Grand Lodge, on requisition of the Department Councils.

SUPPLIES.

SEC. 125. The Sovereign Grand Lodge will furnish such supplies as are hereinafter mentioned; and Department Councils may provide for only such additional forms, blanks etc., as may be required for local purposes.

SEC. 126. The prices charged for supplies to Cantons and individuals, in Departments directly under the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall be as follows:

Rituals for officers, each	$2 00
Additional Rituals for Cantons, each	2 50
P. M. Tactics, bound in cloth, to Cantons	85
And to all others, per copy at	1 00
Chevalier's Roster	2 50
Commandant's Money Order Book	1 50
Accountant's Receipt Book	1 50
Roll Call of Canton	50
Or the entire set of four blank books next above mentioned.	5 00

SEC. 127. Department Councils will purchase the supplies above mentioned from the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at a discount of 25 per cent. from the prices quoted. They will also procure the following supplies from the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the prices here stated:

Blank Warrants for Cantons, each	$2 00
Officers' Commissions, active or retired, each	75
Non-Commissioned Officers' Warrants, each	75
Certificates of Honorable Discharge, each	10
Proclamations for Degree work, each	1 00

SEC. 128. Each Canton, operating under a Warrant, will be allowed to purchase three additional Rituals. Grand Cantons, operating under Grand Canton Warrants only, will be limited to three original and three additional Rituals, six in all. Components of Grand Cantons, holding and operating under separate Warrants, will be allowed to procure three additional Rituals.

SEC. 129. Officers in command of Battalions, Regiments, Brigades and Divisions will be allowed to purchase one copy of the Ritual, for individual official use, and the Commanders of Departments, Divisions and Brigades, will be allowed to procure a set of three Rituals each, for Headquarters' purposes.

SEC. 130. When new copies are obtained to take the place of old Rituals, as soon as they are received, the old Rituals must be burned and proof of such act sent to the Department Commander.

REPEAL, ETC.

SEC. 131. All former laws, orders, rules and resolutions for the government of the Patriarchs Militant adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge are repealed, except such as concern the ceremonies, Ritual and Secret Work of the Degree, and the government of Grand Cantons and Turms of Horse; and such military tactics, and such regulations as to uniforms and equipment as are not inconsistent with this Code.

SEC. 132. This Code shall take effect, and be in force, from and after its passage.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That all arrears of Canton tax and personal indebtedness be transferred to the several Departments, with full power to collect the same for their own benefit, or to cancel them.

Resolved, That the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, providing for the collection of a Canton tax, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Resolved, That the repeal of this law shall date from April, 1894.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER ODD FELLOWS.

BALTIMORE, MD., October 3d, 1894.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct transcript of the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its session in Chattanooga, Tennessee, September 17th to 22d, 1894.

Theo. A. Rofe

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